future period. At the same time it employs me, and may you also, for a little while, in something less distressing to our thoughts than our own feelings. Though I do not mean to say it is a frivolous subject, God knows it is a dreadful one to many a tender parent, wife or child.

Lord Nelson writes several letters. The first gives an account of the negotiation with Colonel Strieker about passing the castle of Cronenbourg. He puns upon the name. An aide-de-camp of the Crown Prince came on board—Admiral Parker writes a *Danish* jackanapes. He wrote something down, and finding the pen bad, threw it away, saying, "Admiral, if your cannons are no better than your pens, we need not fear you much. To-morrow you will pass the Sound; we shall give you a warm reception. What are the names of the commanders ? "

All the captains were then mentioned to him. He started at the name of Nelson, and exclaimed, " Ha ! Nelson is here ? Then, I suppose, you mean to do something."

The second letter gives an account of the passage of the Sound, which was accomplished

without loss, as not a single shot struck the ships, though a tremendous firing was kept up from the Danish forts and batteries.